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**COMMUNICATION UNDER RULE 312**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants appreciate the issuance of a Notice of Allowability in connection with the above-identified application. However, it is noted that the Patent Office has not acknowledged applicants' claim for domestic priority, as is shown in the attached Declaration for Patent Application. Therefore, applicants respectfully submit that the Patent Office acknowledge receipt of applicants' claim for domestic priority of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/217,016, filed July 11, 2000.

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